

Guidance for Seeking an Alternative Irrigation Schedule from the South Florida Water Management District

If you experience unique circumstances that prohibit you from adhering to the prescribed South Florida Water Management District landscape irrigation conservation measures in your area, you may seek an alternative irrigation schedule from the District as follows:

Permit Modifications:

- Who this applies to:
 - Water use permit holders (minor, major, & individual-sized)
 - Single-family homeowners that irrigate using water from a private well, canal, lake or other water body
- Rules for submitting a letter modification are found in [Rule 40E-2.331](#) and [40E-20.331](#), Fla. Admin. Code.
- Additionally, you may refer to or use either guidance documents provided below to assist you with your request.
 - [Guidance for Completing a Letter Modification Pursuant to Rules 40E-2.331\(4\)\(a\)\(6\) & 40E-20.331\(3\)\(a\)\(6\) \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Water Use Permit Letter Modification Request for the Mandatory Year-Round Landscapelrrigation Conservation Measures \[PDF\]](#)
- How to send your request to the District:
 - Mail to the South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 2442, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406; or,
 - Via the District's [E-Permitting](#) Web site.
- You may receive a request for additional information from District staff. Please be sure to respond to any request so that the District can process your modification request.

Water utilities:

- Water utilities should work with their local governments
- If the schedule set forth in Rule 40E-24.201, Fla. Admin. Code, does not work, the local government may propose an alternative schedule pursuant to Rule 40E-24.301, Fla. Admin. Code.
- If the water utility is experiencing, or anticipating distribution problems that cannot be addressed through Rule 40E-24.301, F.A.C., a petition for variance may be submitted as described below.

Variances:

- Who this applies to:
 - Single-family homeowners who irrigate using potable water from a utility;
 - Entities that have employed the use of "smart" irrigation technology as defined in [Section 373.62, Florida Statutes](#) ;
 - Water utility is experiencing, or anticipating distribution problems that cannot be addressed through Rule 40E-24.301, F.A.C.; or
 - Any other circumstances that cannot be remedied through a permit modification.
- Variances are covered by [Section 120.542, Fla. Stat.](#), and [Rule 28-104, Fla. Admin. Code](#). Please read the statutes and rules carefully to determine what information must be included in your petition.
- How to send your petition to the District:

- Mail to the District Clerk at South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 2114, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
- You may receive a request for additional information from District staff. Please be sure to respond to any request so that the District can process your petition.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).